

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were originally submitted in this Application. Claims 1-5 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Gronbach et al. (6,682,278) in view of German 29801236. Claims 6-11 were deemed to be allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 6. Claim 1 thus is allowable in accordance with the Examiner's findings that claim 6 would be allowable. Claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled.

Appropriate amendments to claims 3, 7, and 10 have been made so that all remaining claims depend from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have addressed every issue in the Action and have rewritten the claims previously deemed to be allowable into appropriate form. Thus, this application is in condition for final allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, Examiner Howell is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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